

## Testimony in Support of:

**S.B. No. 184 (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022. Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot.**

**H.B. No.5262 (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.**

Hearing: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM

My name is Kyle Manning, and I am a voter from West Haven. I speak for myself, as well many family members and friends, when I say it is imperative that we pass both S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 so that voters many continue to vote by absentee ballot through November 8, 2022.

The passage of S.B. 184 will allow for the continuation of voting by absentee ballot due to the threat of Covid-19. These last few years have been especially challenging, and we have no way of knowing what role Covid-19 will play in our lives this voting season. Having the option of voting by absentee ballot will allow us to continue exercising our **Freedom to Vote**, while staying safe during these fraught times.

In much the same way, the passage of H.B. 5262 would bring peace of mind and voting flexibility to many voters, including those who are caretakers to the elderly, sick, or young children. Not only does it give them the flexibility to vote by absentee ballot as they tend to the needs of others, it lessens the restrictions on absentee voting for all of us. For me, as a senior citizen, having options beyond one day of in-person voting is crucial.

No one is harmed or diminished when citizens vote by absentee ballot. On the contrary, having this option removes lot of unnecessary stress from the shoulders of folks just trying to participate in the democratic process. Please pass these two bills. Please let all voters vote.

Thank you.

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